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Igor G. Usatchev, Charge d'Affaires at the Soviet Legation in Bangkok, once expressed the opinion that Thong Kan, a Thai teacher at the Legation, is a Pibul supporter who possibly was assigned to the Legation to establish a private friendship between officials of the Legation and the Premier. Thong is an official of the Ministry of Public Health and is a close friend of Dr. Son S. Antarikanon, Chief of the Division of Public Health.

Nicolai Bogaty, Exportkhleb representative in Bangkok, has expressed strong criticism of the Thai Government's position with regard to the Korean situation. Bogaty is a reserve officer in the Soviet Army and participated in the Battle of Stalingrad, where he received a bullet wound in the leg.

The Soviet Legation has placed Boonmee Lathiprasat* in charge of the distribution of news for Mahachon and the Legation. Boonmee is a contributor to Siang Thai and Mahachon and was given the above assignment as a reward for his extremely pro-Communist articles. Boonmee receives payments from the Soviet Legation through the Mahachon.

Following a Thai Police order temporarily closing Lak Chai, the Soviet Legation has resumed publication of its Information Bulletin in an effort to disseminate the Soviet version of the Korean War. The Bulletin will also be expanded to counter USIS influence.

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